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Gunmen kill traveller, injure 15

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Gunmen who laid ambush along the Ezillo end of the Enugu-Abakaliki Highway in Ebonyi, yesterday attacked some travellers, killing one person and wounding 15 others.

The attack was targeted at three commercial buses being escorted by two armoured tanks manned by police men. A NAN correspondent, who visited the Federal Medical Centre in Abakaliki where the victims were receiving treatment, reports that 13 of the victims were at the Accident/Emergency Unit of the hospital.

Mr Chinedu Onwe, one of the bus drivers who was attacked, said the passengers ran into "a rain of bullets" from both sides of the bush in spite of the presence of the armoured carriers.

Dr Azubike Onyebuchi, Head of Clinical Services, who conducted NAN correspondent round the wards, said such incidents had become regular and were taking a huge toll on the hospital.

"Virtually every morning, we get cases from the troubled area and we give them free treatment in spite of the fact that they are brought in critical conditions.

"In spite of the ugly development, we have briefed our staff on the challenges ahead while also beefing up our facilities in readiness to offering the best services to victims," he said.

Mr Chris Anyanwu, the Police Public Relations Officer, confirmed the incident but declined further comments.

The two communities of Ezillo and Ezza have been locked in a communal strife which has taken a toll on lives and properties.

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